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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, NG, SA

SUBJECT: \$2 MILLION SAUDI GIFT TO NIGER

1. ONLY FIVE MONTHS AFTER HAVING GIVEN GON CHECK FOR \$1 MILLION, SAUDI ARABIA HAS GIVEN GON ANOTHER CHECK, THIS TIME FOR OVER \$2.1 MILLION. 1974 DONATIONS REPRESENT ABOUT 6 PCT OF NIGER'S TOTAL BUDGET. -ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED TO COVER NIGER'S POL IMPORT BILL, SAUDI GIFT REPRESENT MORE THAN HALF 1973 OIL IMPORT TOTALS AND SHOULD GO LONG WAY TO COVER 1974 INCREASE. SAUDI ARABIA DOES NOT FIGURE AMONG SUPPLIERS OF OIL TO NIGER LARGEST OF WHICH ARE VENEZUELA, LIBYA, NIGERIA AND IRAN.

2. IN HANDING OVER CHECK TO PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE SAUDI AMBASSADOR GHASSAN ALRACHACH STRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATION TO ASSIST POORER BROTHER COUNTRIES AS RESULT OF HUGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAUDI OIL REVENUES. MONEY IS TO BE USED FOR FLOOD

RELIEF AND GON DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

3. ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO "MOSLEM" CAUSES  
OR GOALS, GIFT FOLLOWS CLOSELY CREATION OF ISLAMIC  
SOCIETY, ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOCATION OF WEST AFRICAN  
ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN NIAMEY, AND PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE'S  
RECENT STATEMENT "IN NIGER WE RECOGNIZE ONLY ONE GOD,  
ALLAH ONLY ONE PROPHET, MOHAMMED; AND ONLY ONE  
SCRIPTURE, THE KORAN" ALL OF WHICH SHOULD BE PLEASING  
TO KING FAISAL.HECK

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